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In re application of: Young et al.

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For: **Secreted Protein HEMAE80**
(as amended)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining the captioned application, Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) an Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO/SB/08, and (b) a copy of the cited references AA-AY. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Title:

Please delete the existing title and replace therefor -- Secreted Protein HEMAE80 --.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1 please replace the first paragraph of the specification with the following paragraph:

--This application is a divisional of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120, of copending United States patent application Serial No: 09/205,258, filed December 4, 1998, which is hereby incorporated by reference, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to International Application No. PCT/US98/11422, filed June 4, 1998, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference and published by the International Bureau in the English language on December 10, 1998 as International Publication No. WO98/54963, which is hereby incorporated by reference, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Applications, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference: --

At page 312, above line 1, please insert the following heading: --Table 1--.

Remarks

The title has been amended to more precisely reflect the presently claimed invention. Applicants have amended the first paragraph of the specification to reflect those applications to which the Applicants are claiming priority. Applicants have amended the specification to include a heading to clarify the location of Table 1 in the specification.

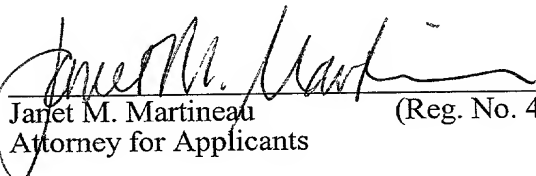
No new matter has been introduced.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made amendments and remarks be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

Respectfully submitted,

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